

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7717

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

S E C R E T JAKARTA 4786

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR VS

SUBJ: AMERICANS MISSING IN BAN ME THUOT

REF: SAIGON 5300

1. DEFENSE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF MAJGEN MURDANI  
APRIL 22 GAVE EMBOFF GIST OF DEFENSE DEPT DEBRIEFING  
OF CAPTAIN MULKAN (ICCS OFFICER CAPTURED AT BAN ME  
THUOT) WHICH TOOK PLACE OVER PAST WEEKEND.

2. ACCORDING MURDANI, MULKAN STATED THAT ON APRIL 9  
HE WAS IN PRISON CAMP SOMEWHERE BETWEEN BAN ME THUOT AND  
LOC NINH (ABOUT THREE HOURS BY CAR FROM LOC NINH). IN  
SAME CAMP WAS AN "AMERICAN CONSUL MR. PAUL" (INDONESIANS  
OFTEN MIX FIRST AND LAST NAMES SO THIS COULD BE PAUL  
STRUHARIK OR ANOTHER PAUL). ALSO IN CAMP WERE ONE  
IRANIAN, TWO CANADIAN MISSIONARIES, ONE FILIPINO  
DRIVER, THREE WOMEN, THREE MEN AND ONE CHILD. PRISONERS  
WHOM MULKAN SAID HE KNEW PERSONALLY, APPEARED TO BE IN  
GOOD HEALTH AND THERE NO INDICATION THEY BEING ABUSED.

3. COMMENT: WE REALIZE THAT THERE ARE MINOR DISCREPANCIES  
BETWEEN THIS REPORT AND REFTTEL, BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO  
IRON THEM OUT ENTIRELY IN TWO CONVERSATIONS WITH

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MURDANI.

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